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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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TOKYO FOR US DELEGATION TO GATT MTN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, EI

SUBJ: IRISH RESTRICTIONS ON AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS

REF: STATE 160739; GENEVA 3740

1. DCM AND ECON/COMMOFF DELIVERED NOTE BASED ON REFTELS
SEPTEMBER 6 TO FONOFF COUNSELLOR FOR GATT AND
EC, BRIAN O'CEALLAIGH. DELIVERY DELAYED UNTIL SEPT
6 BECAUSE O'CEALLAIGH HAD BEEN AWAY ON AUGUST
VACATION. WE URGED STRONGLY THAT IRISH TAKE QUICK
ACTION TO PERMIT NON-ASSEMBLER REGISTER TO IMPORT US
MADE AUTOMOBILES IN ACCORDANCE THEIR GATT OBLIGATIONS,
POINTING OUT THAT IRISH COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER
COULD BE USED AS EXAMPLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO PROPONENTS
OF PROTECTIONISM IN US THAT GATT IS MEANINGFUL AND
WORTHWHILE TO AMERICAN INTERESTS.

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2. O'CEALLAIGH READ NOTE CAREFULLY AND PROMISED TO TRY TO BRING IT TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MEMBERS OF IRISH DELEGATION TO TOKYO GATT MINISTERIAL. HE ALSO INDICATED TO US THAT FONOFF WOULD SUPPORT OUR REPRESENTATIONS, BUT COULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE THAT INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIALS WOULD BE LIKELY SEE SITUATION IN SAME LIGHT. O'CEALLAIGH TOLD ECON/COMOFF SEPTEMBER 10, THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH DELEGATES BEFORE THEY DEPARTED FOR TOKYO BUT SAID HE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH THESE OFFICIALS AS SOON AS THEY RETURNED.

3. EARLIER, ON AUGUST 31, AMB AND DCM MENTIONED TO FONOFF PERMSEC MCCANN THAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DELIVER NOTE THAT USG CONSIDERS IRISH RESTRICTIONS ON AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS CONTRAVENE IRISH GATT OBLIGATIONS. MCCANN INDICATED THAT IRELAND PRIDES ITSELF ON ABIDING BY ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND IMPLIED THAT IRISH WOULD GIVE MATTER CAREFUL ATTENTION. MOORE

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